

Texas Cattle Trails

What is a Cattle Trail?

The answers can be found in paragraphs 6 and 7 toward the middle of the page.

1. A cattle trail was not a well-defined road. What was it?
2. What did the cattle need? And what needed to be avoided?
3. What best defined the trails?

Texas cattle history

4. How did there happen to be cattle in Texas? Who brought cattle to Texas and when?
5. By 1860, about how many longhorns were roaming about Texas?
6. Just how long are the longhorn's horns? What is the average length and what is the longest?
7. What is the purpose of these long horns?
8. What were three traits of the longhorn that made it flourish in Texas?
 - a. First
 - b. Second
 - c. Third
9. Describe the cattle drivers, those cowboys who drove the cattle along the cattle drives.
10. What was a yearling longhorn worth in Texas? About how much could that same cow be worth in the northern markets?
11. What was a longhorn worth in Texas? What was the market paying in Chicago?

12. How much were the cowboys paid? How long did a cattle drive last? About how many cattle were in the average drive? Another source for this question is: [Handbook of Texas Online: CATTLE TRAILING](#)
13. What were some of the [dangers](#) the cowboys faced along the trails?
14. Why was [Texas fever](#) a problem for Missouri cattle and not for the Texas Longhorn? How did Texas fever affect the Texas cattle drives?

The Trails: [Famous Cattle Trails](#), [GOODNIGHT-LOVING TRAIL](#), [CHISHOLM TRAIL](#)

Choose either the [Chisholm Trail](#) or the [Goodnight-Loving Trail](#) and answer the following questions:

15. Who was the trail named after?
16. Who first used the trail?
17. When was the trail first used?
18. Where did the trail extend, from which general area in Texas to which point north? Use the [map link](#) for this question.
19. Why were the cattle driven north?
20. What were some reasons the cattle trails closed? Use the [Cattle Trailing](#) link, last paragraph.
21. Write here at least one or two more interesting facts about this trail.

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The People:

[Charlie Goodnight](#), [Oliver Loving](#), [Oliver Loving Biography](#), [Lizzie Johnson Williams](#), [Margaret Borland](#), [Daniel Webster Wallace: Black Rancher](#)

Choose a person to research, and then answer the following questions:

22. Who is the person you chose (his/her name)?
23. What did the person do that connects this person to cattle trails?
24. When did this person live?
25. Where did this person live or do business?
26. Why is this person worthy of being studied in Texas history?
27. Write here at least one or two more interesting facts about this person.

Challenge Question

The hey day of cattle trails only lasted about 25 years. What were the problems or the changes that stopped the cattle drives from Texas to points north?